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For : METHOD AND COMPOSITIONS FOR PRODUCING BERRY

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Applicant respectfully asserts that the substantive provision of 37 CFR 1.97 and 37 CFR 1.98 are met by the provision of the foregoing statement.

Applicant discloses recently located:

(1) U.S. Patent No. 6,231,866, and published

Application Nos. 2002/0168429 A1 to Mann, attached hereto. These references do not suggest Applicant's invention, which involves the removal of acids and sugars from the juice before being combined with the berry pulp. The acids in particular contribute to the degradation of the anthocyanins.

- (2) U.S. Patent Application 2002/0018821 Al attached hereto, which discloses a process for separating anthocyanins (anthocyanasides) which does not disclose the use of berry pulp as a carrier.
- (3) The Appeal in Serial No. 09/383,324, filed August 26, 1999 is referenced as is U.S. Patent No. 6,423,365.

Respectfully,

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